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JULY 2001 NEWSLETTER

It's heartening to see the enthusiasm and effort being made at the A.V.H.S. Museum grounds by Peggy Short and her steadfast volunteers, they are doing a lot of work on the grounds and outside display area behind the building. The 4-H groups have done a lot this spring. We are thinking of hosting the JCHMA (countywide historical organization) meeting, possibly in Sept. These are the groups that have their own local societies within Jackson County. It's always fun to go away (like to Butte Falls and others) to see first hand what they've been doing in their own organization and often learn the "how to" of doing things.
The exigencies of life have kept us away for awhile but we expect to get back into these meetings before long. McKee Bridge now has a Historical Society and they are getting their organization up and rolling.

The sad news of the loss of our Grayback Mtn. Cabin to fire (June 15-16, 2001) has rocked our family back on its heels. You cannot just cut a slice of your heritage out of your life like a piece of pie. I've tried to keep believing that some good can come from a tragedy like this.

Francis Krouse and Orr Brown built the cabin in 1945. It was used for the cattle range rights they had. For many years there was a corral that held the cows as they were gathered at the end of the season in October. It would take several days to round up enough cattle to begin one of the many drives. It was at least a 4-mile

cattle drive to bring them out to the top of Thompson Creek.

Krouse's cabin is on several area maps. It has been used by not only the Krouse's, but also by hunters, hikers, horse riders and many other outdoor enthusiasts as a shelter for the last 56 years.

It's commendable that Ellen Lavine's effort in writing a grant for rewriting the Applegate School History booklet was rewarded by her receiving money to do this. This was from the 4 Way Community Foundation Grant. Congratulations Ellen!

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Hope this finds everyone enjoying the summer. As Myrtle said there has been lots going on at the museum site. Peggy has been working very hard and putting in lots of hours to make it look good. She has lots and lots of ideas about putting things together there. Stop and take a look as things change rapidly. Let her know if you have something you'd like to display. Her phone number is 846-6392. She'd love to hear from you.

When you see Jim Bottroff tell him THANKS for his donation of the dirt and river rock for the society.

Thank you Jim and Caorlyn Bottroff for all you do for the community of Applegate.

The next meeting for the AVHS will be July 21,01 at 10:00 AM at the Museum. Don't forget your lawn chair. See you at the meeting.

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AVHS Sec/Tres.